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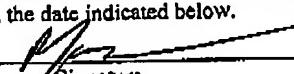
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is being filed in response to the office action mailed September 14, 2005. The due date for filing a Response was December 14, 2005. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time from December 14, 2005 to March 14, 2006 is being filed herewith. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed on March 14, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.